

evaluation. Investigation is underway at the National Cancer Institute to determine whether the association found in these studies can be confirmed. The possible endocrine effects reported in the literature to date have not been evident in those studies conducted in rats reviewed by the Agency, nor has immunotoxicity been indicated to be a critical endpoint for lindane toxicity. The Agency is considering additional data requirements for reregistration, including a neurotoxicity study, and the need for requiring special studies to assess both immunotoxicity and endocrine effects. The Agency is currently developing a strategy for examining the role of organochlorine chemicals as endocrine disrupters. Such an effort could result in the Agency pursuing further regulatory action against lindane. Today's action only deals with the kidney effects and does not preclude the Agency from taking future regulatory action against this chemical based on the risk concerns raised above.

Comment. Several commenters suggested EPA ban further use of lindane because the severity of the pesticide's environmental and health concerns have already caused regulators in more than a dozen countries to ban or severely restrict the use of this chemical.

Agency Response. EPA updates and reviews its scientific database on a routine basis for new evidence on chemicals which may identify risk concerns. Any regulatory action must meet the scrutiny of sound science and be consistent with the statutes and regulations governing pesticide registration and use. The Agency will exercise its authority to ban or restrict the use of pesticides when such action is necessary to protect against unreasonable adverse effects.

III. Reregistration Activities

EPA is considering what additional toxicological data are necessary to support continued registration, which include carcinogenicity and developmental neurotoxicity studies. Upon receipt and review of any of these studies, the Agency could initiate a Special Review or take other appropriate regulatory action if risk concerns are raised.

IV. Conclusion

Today's notice announces the Agency's final decision that the lindane induced kidney effects observed in male rats are not relevant for human risk assessment, nor do these effects meet the risk criteria for initiation of a Special Review. Because EPA no longer

believes there is a renal-related hazard posed to humans, the Agency will not initiate a Special Review for this effect. The Agency is developing a strategy to look at the role of organochlorine pesticides, such as lindane, may play as endocrine disrupters to better understand the risks from this group of chemicals. This action does not preclude the Agency from taking action on this chemical in the future as new information on this or any other risk concern becomes known.

Dated: July 19, 1995.

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[OPP-30390; FRL-4966-1]

Monterey Laboratories; Application to Register a Pesticide Product

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application to register a pesticide product involving a changed use pattern pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by August 25, 1995.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30390] and the file symbol (63608-R) to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Divisions (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will be accepted on disks in Wordperfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-30390]. No "Confidential Business Information" (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many

Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submission can be found below in this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI).

Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Shanaz Bacchus, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS51B6, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8097; e-mail: bacchus.shanaz@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received an application from Monterey Laboratories, 777 Maher Court, P.O. Box 189, Watsonville, CA 95077-0189, to register the pesticide product Vertigo Mushroom Fungicide (EPA File Symbol 63608-R), containing the active ingredient cinnamaldehyde at 50 percent, which involves a changed use pattern pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. This product is for general use to include in its presently registered use, the control of larvae of soil dwelling beetles on or in turfgrass, landscape ornamentals, soil, transpiration facilities, and interior plantscapes. Notice of receipt of this application does not imply a decision by the Agency on the application.

Notice of approval or denial of an application to register a pesticide product will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The procedure for requesting data will be given in the **Federal Register** if an application is approved.

Comments received within the specified time period will be considered before a final decision is made; comments received after the time specified will be considered only to the extent possible without delaying processing of the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-

30390] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Written comments filed pursuant to this notice, will be available in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division at the address provided from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. It is suggested that persons interested in reviewing the application file, telephone this office at (703-305-5805), to ensure that the file is available on the date of intended visit.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: July 12, 1995.

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Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-30371A; FRL-4964-1]

Ciba-Geigy Corp; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications submitted by Ciba-Geigy Corporation, to conditionally register the pesticide products Peak, Exceed, and Prosulfuron Technical containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Robert Taylor, Product Manager (PM) 25, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 245, CM #2, Environmental Protection Agency, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-305-6800; e-mail: taylor.robert@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of August 18, 1994 (59 FR 42593), which announced that Ciba-Geigy Corp., P.O. Box 18300, Greensboro, NC, 27419, had submitted applications to conditionally register the pesticide products Exceed WG (now known as Peak) and Prosulfuron Technical (EPA File Symbols 100-TAG and 100-TAE), containing the active ingredient prosulfuron 1-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-triazin-2-yl)-3-[2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-phenylsulfonyl]-urea at 57 and 96 percent respectively, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered products.

EPA subsequently received an application from Ciba-Geigy to register the product Exceed (EPA File Symbol 100-TTU), containing the active ingredient prosulfuron 1-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-triazin-2-yl)-3-[2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-phenylsulfonyl]-urea at 32.3 percent, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered products and primisulfuron-methyl 3-[4,6-bis(difluoromethoxy)-pyrimidin-2-yl]-1-(2-methoxycarbonylphenylsulfonyl) urea also at 32.3 percent, an active ingredient that was registered in 1990, for use in other products. However, since the notice of receipt of application was not published in **Federal Register**, as required by FIFRA, as amended, interested parties may submit written comments within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice for this product only. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail; e-mail to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. More detailed information is found in all documents requesting comments as of May 1995.

The applications were approved on May 3, 1995, for one technical and two end-use products listed below:

1. Prosulfuron Technical for formulation into herbicides for the use on corn (EPA Registration Number 100-762).

2. Peak Herbicide (formerly Exceed WG) for weed control in field corn (grown for grain, silage, or seed), popcorn, and sweet corn (EPA Registration Number 100-763).

3. Exceed for weed control in field corn (grown for grain, silage, or seed), and popcorn (EPA Registration Number 100-774).

A conditional registration may be granted under section 3(c)(7)(C) of FIFRA for a new active ingredient where certain data are lacking, on condition that such data are received by the end of the conditional registration period and do not meet or exceed the risk criteria set forth in 40 CFR 154.7; that use of the pesticide during the conditional registration period will not cause unreasonable adverse effects; and that use of the pesticide is in the public interest.

The Agency has considered the available data on the risks associated with the proposed use of prosulfuron and primisulfuron-methyl, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from such use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health and safety determinations which show that use of prosulfuron and primisulfuron-methyl during the period of conditional registration will not cause any unreasonable adverse effect on the environment, and that use of the pesticide is, in the public interest.

These products are conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA section 3(c)(7)(C). If the conditions are not complied with the registrations will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6(e). Ciba-Geigy must make sure that all required studies are submitted under the terms of these conditional registrations.

Consistent with section 3(c)(7)(C), the Agency has determined that these conditional registrations are in the public interest. Use of the pesticides are of significance to the user community, and appropriate labeling, use directions, and other measures have been taken to ensure that use of the pesticides will not result in unreasonable adverse effects to man and the environment.

More detailed information on these conditional registrations is contained in